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**UTILITY  
PATENT APPLICATION  
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(only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No. CRD-970

First Inventor John S. Kula et al.

Title STENT WITH VARIABLE WALL THICKNESS

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10/12/01**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

See MPEP Chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1.  Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
(submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2.  Applicant claims small entity status.

3.  Specification [Total Pages 19]

(Preferred arrangement set forth below)

- Descriptive Title of the Invention
- Cross Reference to Related Applications
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R&D
- Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
- Background of the Invention
- Brief Summary of the Invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
- Detailed Description
- Claim(s)
- Abstract of the Disclosure

4.  Drawing(s)(35 USC 113) [Total Sheets 12]

## 5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 6]

- a.  Newly executed (original or copy)
- b.  Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))

(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)

i.  **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**

Signed statement attached deleting  
inventor(s) named in the prior application,  
see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

6.  Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.7618.  If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

Continuation  Divisional  Continuation-in-Part (CIP) of prior application No.: 09/288,406, filed April 8, 1999.

Prior application information: Examiner C. O'Conner Group Art Unit: 3732

For CONTINUATION or DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

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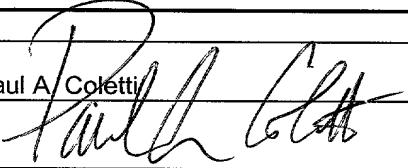
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